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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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For: IMAGE FORMING DEVICE THAT CHANGES PROCESS SPEED ACCORDING  
TO ELECTRICAL PROPERTY OF TRANSFER MEMBER

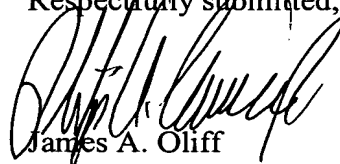
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